natural gas in cash or kind for a block of 5 years instead of such option being made every year as in the previous rounds.

(iv) Data packages and information dockets can be purchased at a discounted price.

(v) In order to encourage small and medium size investors, companies having a net worth of US $ 500 Million or more will not be required to give a bank guarantee towards Minimum Work Programme commitment in respect of onland and shallow water blocks. This threshold value in the previous round was US$ 1000 Million.

(iv) In order to bring more transparency in the bidding process, weightages for all bid evaluation criteria including weightages for sub-criteria have now been made public under NELP-V for the first time.

(VII) Details of all operational blocks from earlier rounds such as work programme, fiscal terms etc. were available at Data Centres. This enabled companies to assess existing work programme as well as other bidding parametres while formulating their own bids and may also help them in forming strategic alliances.

HPCL's policy on disposal of oil stock

†3499. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps renovated by Delhi division of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (H.P.C.L.) in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) whether old stock has been deposited in godowns;

(c) whether any scrap Committee was constituted to sell the old stock;

(d) the amount deposited in H.P.C.L. after sale of the scrap during the last three years;

(e) whether it is a fact that the old stock has not been deposited in godown and also the money has not been deposited in the company after sale of the scrap and where has the old stock gone; and

(f) the rules of H.P.C.L. company to dispose off the old stock?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The number of retail outlets (petrol pumps) renovated

†Ortginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

by the Delhi Regional Offic of M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) during the last three years is as under:—

Year	No. of outlets renovated
2002-2003	06
2003-2004	06
2004-2005	20
Tow.	32

(b) Old materials such as old dispensing units, dismantled canopy structure and old bandings have been sent to HPCL's Shakurbasti installation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During the last three years, an amount of approximately Rs. 1.84 lakhs has been generated from scrap disposal by HPCL Delhi Regional Office.

(e) All the scrap has either been transported to the godown or sold as scrap as per the Corporation policy. For the scrap sold, the Corporation has received all the money.

(f) As per Corporation policy, disposal of old stock is made in the following circumstances:—

(i) Surplus to the Company

(ii) Obsolete/uneconomical to operate/uneconomical to repair

(iii) Unservicable

(iv) Slow moving/non-moving

(v) Scrap

As per the policy, no disposal shall be made on a single bid basis. Further, tenders are approved as per the Limits of Authority Manual (LAM) & material is disposed off by the location on receipt of the disposal order from the regional office/zonal oftice and the purchase amount from the buyer.